

Women`s Qualifying Tournament for XXVIII Olympic Games, Auckland

FIH (www.worldhockey.org) LIVE COMMENTARY: Game 9: GER v GBR

21 March 2004

Start Time: 12:30

2 GER

Nadine Ersting-Krienke (FG)

06:17

Anke Kuhn (FG)

23:54

1 GBR

Rachel Walker (PC)

27:28

Final Score - GER 2 GBR 1

Time	Commentary
70:00	Full time. GER players and coaching staff are jubilant as they celebrate on the field as if they just won the tournament! GBR players are gutted, on their haunches after throwing everything they had at the tough GER defence in the last 15 mins of the half. GER are now on top of Pool A and GBR are now under pressure with just 1 point from 2 games. PC count: GER 3 GBR 7. Field shots: GER 8 GBR 2.
69:23	Its still all GBR. Tie the enemy as we enter the last minute. GBR cannot break the tough GER defence.
67:26	A wasted corner from GBR as the ball is passed to the right too wide. It deflects off a GER stick. GBR long corner. ALI 11 GER players come back into defence.
66:38	GBR break into the circle down the right and they earn their 7th corner.
66:13	GBR still applying considerable pressure to GER, although unable an opportunity to score in the last 5 mins. GER defending well, although GBR looking like breaking through.
59:37	The variation left is hit but hits the foot of King on the right post. A close miss again for GBR.
58:52	GBR earn their 6th corner from a GER foot. Danger here for GER.
57:59	GBR almost score as Grant smashes a shot top right and hits the post! Great shot at goal and GER very fortunate to be ahead. GER turnovers in the midfield are starting to hurt them.
53:08	GBR well on top in the last 3 mins as they start to put GER defence under great pressure. Numerous runs into the circle and passes just miss their mark. GER dangerous on the counterattack though, so GBR need to be careful.
51:39	GBR almost score after a great run and pass by Walker down the left finds Simpson in the circle. Her deflection is saved by Zwehl with some luck involved and then cleared.
48:53	GBR rebound into attack and penetrate their circle. It is an even game for the last 10 mins with both teams having chances to attack the other. Field position and ball possession stats in the last 10 mins would be very even.
47:10	Kuhn`s hit flies into the net. Too high and GBR get the free hit.
46:46	GER push into attack again and they earn their 3rd corner from a stick check.
43:50	GER break down the middle with Erstine-Krienke and Hoyer. Hoyers bunt shot from the left only misses the goal by inches. A very fortunate escape for GBR.
41:33	Clelow tries to bunt right and hit but is saved by GER defence. They clear into attack.
41:05	GBR have the ball in their attacking half for the last 3 mins and they earn their 5th corner.
36:31	GER off to a great start after Latzsch crosses the ball accross the face of goal. GER miss 2 traps which would have resulted in a simpole goal!
35:00	Half time. A close half of hockey. Not much between the two teams although GBR much stronger at the end of the half. PC stats: GER 2 GBR 4. Field shots: GER 5 GBR 0.
34:42	GBR looking very strong in the last 15 mins. They are on top of the game at present.
33:34	The Smith flick hits Rinne (GER) as the ball was travelling wide. GER free hit.
32:48	GBR earn their 4th corner after King runs into the circle from the right and is impeded.
27:28	Goal Walker scores a nice corner goal, deflecting the ball into the backboard on her reverse after the variation to the left post.
27:11	GBR counter into attack down the left and they earn their 3rd corner after King finds a GER foot.
26:40	The hard GER shot is saved by Rose and 2 rebound shots are also saved before Kuhn hits wide. Fortunate break for GBR with Kuhn essentially hitting at an open net.
25:54	Again GER looking dangerous down the right and they earn their 2nd corner after a GBR foot. GBR had the ball in attack after the goal and GER stole and broke away. They look very dangerous on the counter.
23:54	Goal Kuhn scores for GER after finishing a cross from the right backline. This goal was against the run of play somewhat after GBR had hel the ball in attack for the last 8 mins. GER broke down the right.
21:21	Grant (GBR) shoots from the right on her reverse. The shot goes wide but travels very fast.
16:27	Very open and attractive hockey being played from both teams as they attack each other at each end. Very fast paced game.
15:19	GER very unlucky not to earn a corner after a strong and skillful run into the circle from von Livonius. GER players furious at the free hit the other way.
13:09	The Clelow hit is too high and GER win the free hit.
12:49	The variation left and hit is saved by Zwehl and GER clear to the sideline. GBR go straight back into the circle and earn a 2nd corner from a GER foot.

- 11:50** GBR earn their 1st corner after a run into the circle by Clewlow. GER stick check.
- 11:21** GBR working themselves into the game in the last 3 mins with some good opportunities to score just going out of reach. GBR midfield workrate has increased which is causing this to happen.
- 09:45** GBR have a great chance at the other end after a right wing cross found King alone on the left post. The ball hits her foot. Bad miss for GBR there...
- 09:07** Muller almost makes it 2-0 with a narrow miss from her attempted deflection after a right wing cross. Her shot to the open net missed by inches.
- 06:17** **Goal**
Ersting-Krienke smashes in GER first goal after trapping a clearance from Rose. GER 1-0.
- 05:52** GBR looking dangerous in the midfield although not making the final pass accurately to their strikers. GER more thorough early which has lead to more circle penetrations.
- 04:28** The hard GER hit is saved by Rose (GBR GK) and GBR clear to the sideline.
- 03:56** The first corner of the match goes to GER after a powerful run by Latzsch down the left. GBR foot.
- 02:36** An even start to the match with GBR and GER with equal time in attack. An open game seems apparent with both teams willing to run at the opposition in the midfield.
- 00:52** What a big game this is for both teams. After GBR`s dropped 2 points after drawing with NZL, they need to win this match to finish in the top 2. GER can all but seal their top 2 fate with a win.